

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1037 - HB 1242

April 3, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. clarifies that local boards of education may not require students to pay fees for:
 - general school purposes;
 - activities, excluding field trips, that occur during regular school hours;
 - activities and supplies required to participate in any course offered for credit or grade, excluding interscholastic athletics and marching band;
 - graduation ceremonies, excluding fees for rental or purchase of a cap and gown; and
 - use of lockers or parking lots.
2. clarifies that a report card may not be withheld for lack of payment of any fee, except for non-payment of fines imposed for late-returned library books, fines imposed for the abuse of parking privileges on school property, or charges for lost or destroyed textbooks, library books, workbooks or any other property of the school.

Under present law, a school shall not require any student to pay a fee to the school for any purpose, except as authorized by the board of education, and no fees or tuition shall be required of any student as a condition to attending the public school, or using its equipment while receiving educational training.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$10,000,000

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$10,000,000

Assumes:

- that no fees can be collected by local schools except for those items excluded in the bill.
- the amount of decrease in local government revenues and expenditures will depend on the amount of funds not collected and expended by an LEA which would have been collected and expended in the absence of this bill. Although this amount cannot be determined, a survey of some schools systems indicates that the amount of revenues which will not be collected is significant.
- LEA's will not alter system expenditures to compensate schools unable to continue collecting fees; therefore school expenditures will decrease in an amount equal to the decrease in school revenues.
- that school revenues and school expenditures are local government revenues and expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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